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Valley. It is possible now, or will be as soon as peace returns to the Levant, to make the journey from Jerusalem to Bagdad nearly all by rail at a comparatively small expense, so that from this point of view the plan is entirely practicable. The climate of Mesopotamia makes summer study almost impossible, so that students would naturally wish to return to the Mediterranean coast before the heat of summer.

During the early months of 1920 Professor A. T. Clay, a member of the committee, visited Mesopotamia and made arrangements for the opening of the proposed school as soon as peace returns to that distracted land, and when funds are in hand to cover the expense involved. The chairman of the committee will be glad to receive subscriptions for this purpose.

THE FUND FOR BIBLICAL AND ORIENTAL ARCHÆOLOGICAL RESEARCH

It has been decided by the joint committees of the schools in Jerusalem and Mesopotamia to establish a fund for Biblical and Oriental archæological research. Hitherto no attempt has been made to secure small yearly contributions toward our American work in Palestine. Patrons of the school in Jerusalem have contributed a hundred dollars each and no recognition has been given to smaller donors. The British Palestine Exploration Fund has for many years secured a considerable annual income from smaller contributions, and, by the organization of this Fund it is hoped that contributions amounting in the aggregate to much may be secured from subscribers of small amounts. Professor James A. Montgomery is chairman of the Fund, Professor George A. Barton, its secretary and treasurer. The committee has been fortunate in securing Professor Mary I. Hussey, of Mount Holyoke College, as field secretary. Her address is at present 4 Bryant Street, Cambridge, Mass. The object of the Fund is to aid in the maintenance of the American schools of archæology in Jerusalem and Mesopotamia and to enable them to carry on excavations. There will be an annual meeting of the Fund each year during Christmas week at which a lecture or address on some phase of Biblical archæology will be delivered. The officers of the Fund will be glad to coöperate with local subscribers or groups of subscribers in arranging lectures in any locality where one or more lectures may be desired.

For further information, address Professor Mary I. Hussey, 4 Bryant Street, Cambridge, Mass.

THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE WORK

In our last BULLETIN we appealed for sixty new \$100 subscribers. Since that time two universities have enrolled themselves as contributing institutions and ten individuals have subscribed \$100 each. Not all of these are able, however, to contribute that amount each year, and by the death of the late Dr. Joseph G. Rosengarten, of Philadelphia, the school lost one of its most liberal patrons.

ADVANTAGES OF STUDY IN PALESTINE

To the linguist and philologist Jerusalem offers opportunities not second to those for the archæologist. In Jerusalem one may hear the following languages spoken constantly on the street: Arabic, Hebrew, English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Armenian, Greek and Russian;